

Thought for the Day – Tuesday 22nd February 2022

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Rage and Hope 7 – Pandemic Prayer

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Prayer

Lord of all things

Our hearts are broken from the lives lost due to the coronavirus pandemic.

We thank you for the health workers and scientists and shop keepers, and researchers and politicians and journalists and teachers who have kept going through it all.

We thank you that so many of us have grown closer to our local communities, have seen the need that exists that we once overlooked. Thank you for the new appreciation for the simple things in life.

We pray for those who have really struggled during this time; those who have been ill, those who have been alone, those who have been hungry.

May we see them, may we hear them,

Help us not to go back to the old

But reimagine how things can be once we re-emerge into the new world post-pandemic.

Your Kingdom come

Your Will be done

Help us to hunger and thirst for righteousness

Help us to love our neighbours as ourselves

Help us to speak hope and life where there is darkness and despair.

Help us not just read your word, but be your word.

In Jesus Holy name. Amen